Embargo on News in the

Czar's Dominion Lifted.

MARK OF PROGRESS

Considered Second Only to the

Emancipation of the Serfs

Some Time Ago.

Harbin Made Headquarters of

Russia in the Far East, as It Is Considered to Have

Great Advantages

Over Port

Arthur.

WITH SMALL GARRISON

PORT ARTHUR LEFT

HAILED THERE AS

THE TIMES, FOUNDED 1886.

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RICHMOND VA., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Forecast for Beturday and Sunday: Virginia—Fair Saturday: brisk north wirds on the coast Sunday fair.
Tennessee-Fair Saturday; warmer in
extreme west portion; Sunday fair,

North Carolina-Fair Saturday, except rain on the coast; colder, except in west portion; Sunday fair, warmer in extreme west portion; brisk north winds on the coast Saturday.

Yesterday was one of the most dis-grecable days of the winter. The tem-erature was not so low as it has been, att sleet, rhin and wind combined to make the day a most unpleasant one. Cair weather, is predicted for to-day and

made an important capture—Amberri Republicans endorse Rooseveit's auminis-tration and Park Agnew's management of the State organization—Bridge employe fails thirty feet with a derrick near Jef-fress Junction—Predericksburg seeking stimates to enlarge the city water supply.

North Carolina.

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A fatal shooting put a stop to a cocking main near Tryon—A serious shooting affray in the express office at Greensboro —Judge Allen gives decision in favor of trading stamps; in Winston-Salem—Governor Aycock nardons a man gentenced for perjury—The Haptist Female University orders a dormitory to accommodat; large number of students—Governor Aycock makes it known that no further application to lease the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad that does not ombody his terms, which are given—Judge More, at Wilson, rules that Morgan's sureties must pay his bond.

General.

Stock market at a practical standstill, treders being unable either to advance or depress prices—Russia shollshes censorship of news, and the event is halled as second in importance only to emancipation of the scris; England getting ships ready, as if she expected to be hauled into the war—Senator Hanna buried with impressive ceremonles—Interesting debate on the increase of the may; induged in in the House—Thought certain that Congress will either at present or thure assistent make an appropriation for the Jamestown Terrentenary Exposition for the Jamestown Terrentenary Exposition for the Jamestown Terrentenary Exposition for the Jamestown that inclement weather alone prevents outspread of business—Hullish sentiment on the New —rleans ection market—Ways and Means Committee spends entire time of its session in hearing Mr Guines's hill to abolish tax on tobsecco for farmers who siem and twist their own product—Mr. Cleveland Soys he does not regard what Mr. Bryan says any more than he does the wind that blows. General.

A NOTE OF WARNING FROM THE PROPHET

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;

Sir,-I again desire you to say to
the people of this city that they will
be visited by a freshet on the 2th
of February. I was a little off on my
last prediction for this section, but if
you remember there were floods atthe time, but they were in the Western States. Wayn the people to prenare.

pare. J. W. JEFFERSON.
The Prophet,
Bichmond, Va., Feb. 19th.

NEGRO CONFESSES A LIVELY HE SLEW AUSTIN



THE LATE ROBERT A. AUSTIN.

William Ferris, in Jail at Suffolk, Makes Startling Admissions to Fellow-Prisoners.

WAS ARRESTED HERE BEFORE

Then Said He Knew Who Killed the Officer-Maxfield Believed to Have Been Implicated.

Robert Austin, nearly six years ago, is revived again by the alleged confession of a regro named William Ferris, now

and a day or two later he sent for De-

who said he knew who committed the crime, and would assist in hunting the men down if the detectives would secure

get him discharged from the story,
Very little was thought of the story,
Very little was thought of the story, and no serious atteation was given it.
But later suspection centered on the negro. Maxfield. His movements were

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IN OPEN BOAT

Crew of Schooner S. C. Tryon Have Horrible Experi-

ONE MAN FROZEN TO DEATH

and One an Eye-Thermom-

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 19.-The steam day from Baltimore, having on board six Brecklyn, and the body of a man frozen to death in the icy storm in which the

r. Bragg, of Philadelphia; Seaman David

and one an eve."

FOR 14 HOURS

ence at Sea.

Others Will Lose Fingers, Ears cter About Zero.

Tryon foundered.

night of February 17th the vessel struck quite heavy drift ice, which knocked a hole in the starboard bow, and she filled negro. Maxical. The watched closely, and his actions on the night before the shooting were fully inside and foundering. Our yawl had a side and foundering. Our yawl had a restigated.

It was learned that on the morning of the tragedy he had spoken to Austin a few minutes before the shooting. His blind. The otrers will lose fingers, ears

TIME AT LEE CAMP

Great Speech Made by Congressman Rixey.

THOUGHT BODY MAY RESCIND ITS ACTION

Luminous Explanation by Patron of Soldiers' Home Measure Had Powerful Effect.

GENERAL LEE AND OTHERS FAVORED THE RIXEY BILL

Matter Will be Reopened at Future Meeting-Congressman Scores the Government Sc-

verely for Its Discrimination Against the

distinguished congressman from the Eighth District for Virginia, Le



otherwise.
When he was through he had largely accomplished what at the outset he had expressed but slight hope of doing. Some-thing like a wave of enthusiasm swept over the camp. General Fitzhugh Lee over the camp. General Fitzhugh Lee and others prominent in the organization spoke in favor of the Rixey bill, and

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RUSSIAN CENSORSHIP HAS BEEN ABOLISHED

For the Boys and the Girls As Well As the Grown Folks

YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF RICHMOND ENTERPRISE IS AT A PREMIUM

The chance to earn \$25.00 in gold for a prize or one of acquire a great deal of valuable information regarding the business men and

n over to the "Who's Who" pages and figure out the business

not seek a prize. Everybody in this day and generation should make a point

TO ABOLISH SIX MEN SHOT: ONE MAY DIE TOBACCO TAX

Ways and Means Committee Grants Hearing on Bill of Mr. Gaines, of Tennessec.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The Ways and Means Committee spent the entire time of its session to-day listening to arguments in favor of the bill
introduced by Representative Gaines, of
Tennessee, providing for the abolition
of the lax-of-six/cents a pound on the
sale of Tobacco. Nearly the entire-time
was consumed by Mr. Gaines, who spoke
an hour and thirty minutes in support
of the bill. Mr. Flood was to have
spoken for the bill, but he surrendered
list time to Mr. Gaines, as did Mr. Meyer of Louisians.

Bill May Pass.

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Mr. Gaines made a capital argument, and the committee listened to him very closely. There was surprise manifested at some of the statements, especially his resertion, which he proved to the satisfaction of all who heard him, that the present law affecting the sale of tobacco forbids anybody but the grower selling it in the natural state. His agent may negotiate the sale of the tobacco, but only the man who grows it may sell it to the buyer, and the buyer does not have to pay any tax.

Mr. Gaines said to-night that he was convinced that the committee would report in favor of the passage of the bill, and only questions of revenue would prevent its passage through the House. The fact that nearly all the tobacco of

leaf to anybody he chooses, but it for-bids his delegating this right to any one eise. I raise a crop of fobacco, and delegate you to find a purchaser, but you may not sell the crop for me."

Mr. Gaines's bill provides that the grower may sell the tobacco, or may delegate the sale to another, and may also stem and twist, the tobacco and sell it, which he cannot do under the law as it is at present. he chooses, but it for-

Posse Gets in Serious Fight in Effort to Close Up Pool-Room in St. Louis.

com precipitated a riot late to-day

room scattered hurriedly. lade was over the constables and posses

Kappa Alpha Boys.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity men of Richmond College had a banduet at Murphy's Hotel last night, and the young men had a delightful time, discussing the menu and many subjects, sentimental and otherwise,

MORE THAN SCORE OF PERSONS KILLED

As Many More Seriously Injured by Explosion of Cars of Dynamite. (By Associated Press.)

OGDEN, UTAH, Feb. 19.-Two cars of dynamite attached to a work train on the Ogden-Lucien cut off of the Southern Pacific Railroad exploded with terrific

Pacific Railroad exploded with terrific force late this afternoon at Jackson sintion, eighty-eight miles west of Ogden, killing at least twenty-three persons, injuring as many more, and destroying a large amount of property.

The list of the dead and injured had not been received up to midnight, but it is thought a large proportion of the victims were Greek laborers. Among the known dead are Conductor Geo. Dermody, of Ogden and his train crew. It is also reported that a fireman named Burt, with his wife and three children, were killed. The explosion wrecked everything within a radius of half a mile.

Given Great Honors.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, Feb. 19.—The crews of the Nisshin and Kasuga, the two cruisers to purchased by the Japanese Government from Italy, were formally received to day in Tokio. There was an enormous arowd of speciators. The sallors were welcomed by Mayor Ozaki, who said they had done more than undertake a perilous journey. They were the begrers and embediment of the sympathy for Japan each the anlightened West.

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(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19.—Major-Genéral Pflug, chief of staff to Vicerov Alexioft, has sent the following telegram to Pour Arthur:

"Our scouts report that no Japanese have been seen either at Then Chu of Mayor Grant, who said they had done more than undertake a perilous journey. They were the begrers and embedding the said of the Lieu Tung Poninsula is accepted.

that it is not a particularly satisfactory.

reply. The communications of Janan and other nations on the subject have been promptly made public.

The most momentous svent, is, however, the abolition of the censorship, is. Russic, a departure from the policy of the Empire, halled there as only second to the emancipation of the seris.

The movements of English and the great efforts being made to equip warships and renovate those in the various yards and the great military nativity.

CENSORSHIP ABOLISHED.

Russia Takes Action Regarded as Most Important Since the Emancipation of Serfs.

spread of libels supplied by enemies

M. Plehve, minister of the interior, and M. Piehve, minister of the interior, and Count Lansdorff, the foreign minister, both Joined in the recommendation that the consorship be abolished. The internal censorship is to be retained, but foreign dispatches are to be entirely free. Military censorship will continue at the seat of war.

RUSSIAN HEADQUARTERS.

News Is Confirmed That Harbin

Will Take Place of Port

Arthur.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS. Feb. 18.—A representative of the Matin, who has reached the center of the Russian military concentration at Harbin, after great hardships, due to the Trans-Biberian Railway trains being crowded with thousands of soldlers, in a dispatch dated from Harbin vesterday, confirms the announcement that that place will be the main base of the Russian land operations. Thus far the base has succeeded in maintaining its communication with Port Arthur.

The concentration of troops, the concentration of troops, the concentration of troops, the concentration of troops, the concentration of made for the speedy arrival of 100.000 men from the divisions of Moscow, Kieff and Varsovic. Before the twelve days shall have elapsed the Russians will have disposed of an army of 400,000 men through Manchurla.

NO JAPANESE SEEN.

No Fresh Attempts Have Be Made to Destroy the Railroad.

TRIED TO ROB AT HAMPDEN-SIDNEY

The Situation Quiet Between the Student Body and the Faculty.

News reached here last night of a bold attempt on the part of some unknown persons to commit arson and robbery at Hampden-Sidney College a few nights

Hampden-Sidney College a few nights ago.

One of the students was known to have had a good sized check cashed during the day; and at night a masked man ontered his room, with the evident purpose of robbing him. He was promptly ordered out by the student under penalty of being struck with a base-hall bat, which was in the room, and left in double-quick time. On the same light some one attempted to set fire to the Memorial Hall, though the effort was unsuccessful, but little damage having been done. The board of visitors held a meeting on Thursday at Farmyllie for the purpose of investigating the trouble, but could find no clue, further than that no one connected with the college had anything to do with it.

The board found that the senior class had been very active in assisting the faculty in making a therough investigation of the afair before the board took it up.

faculty of the afair before the board gation of the afair before the Rohmond member of the board, returned iteralist night and said that they found the situation between the student body and the faculty perfectly harmonious, and that no further trouble was expected as a result of the recent breach.

FOREMAN FINED FOR SUNDAY WORK

Sixty Other Warrants Are to be Tried Next Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispaten.) DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 19.-Chief Engineer Kirk and Foreman Monyahan, who were before Squire Wimbish, charged with working on last Sunday at the big dam above the city, where power is to be generated for the mills of the Dan River Power and Manufacturing Company, were fined this afternoon by 'Squire Wimbish, of the county, Sixty other cases against laborers will be heard on Tuesday next, when three magistrates will sit on the cases. The contractors on those work say they will be greatly retarded, and that they will lose much money if they are not permitted to do necessary work on Sunday, especially when the Dan River is rising, as it was last Sunday.

It, appears that there is some feeling against the contractors on the part of soveral persons who have be n discharged lately, as some of these are prosecuting the case, even going as far as to secure the services of an attorney. The mills in question are among the largest cotton mills in the South, and they will, when completed be the best equipped and most up-to-date in the country.

HE DOES NOT CARE WHAT BRYAN SAYS

Mr. Cleveland No More Bothered by It Than by the Wind -That Blows.

(By Associated Press.)
PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 19.—When seen by the Associated Press correspondent today Former President Cleveland declined to make further comment on his article which recently appeared in the Saturday Evening Post,

"I think the article explains itself, and I haven't anything more to say about

When asked what he thought of W. J. Bryan's remarks, in which he took exception to nearly everything Mr. Cleveland said in the article, he promptly replied: "I don't care any more about what Bryan says than the wind that blows. I'm sure it doesn't bother me any. Let him talk."

SEVEN AMERICANS KILLED IN BOLO RUSH

(By Associated Press.) MANILA, Feb. 19.-Lieutenant MacRae and six privates of the constabulary have

RICHMOND WOMAN **ENDS OWN LIFE**

Apprehension That She Was to Have Consumption Cause of the Act.

(By Associated Press.)

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Feb. 10.—It was announced last night that Mrs. Hartwell Cabell, aged thirty years, the wife of a prominent attorney, had died suddenly from appendicitis. The case was reported to the coroner, and it is now disclosed that she shat herself, due to the apprehension that she was fated to have consumption. Mrs. Cabell formerly lived in Richmond, Va., being the daughter of General Logan, a Confederate veteran.

BULLISH SENTIMENT ON COTTON MARKET

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NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18.—Cotton market opened active and remained active until near the close. Buillsh sentiment was predomirant and buils controlled the market throughout the day. At the cpening selling orders were heavy, evidently coming from shorts, but their offerings were readily absorbed. The bull leaders took on immense loads and continually reached out for more. Their buying however, was not aggressive.

At the opening the Liverpool market was considered disappointing, and this encouraged bears. They sont prices down about 20 points, but the buil leaders kep the situation well in hand and forced prices gradually up until they were about the points higher than the lowest levels, and about 40 points higher than the close of yesterday.